

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A crawler ~~type~~ traveling apparatus, which comprises a track frame, an idler arranged at a front end of the track frame, a sprocket arranged at a rear end of the track frame, and a crawler winding around the idler and sprocket, and

the idler being secured to the track frame by an idler guide unit, the idler guide unit including upper and lower ~~guides~~ guide plates, and means for maintaining a clearance between the upper and lower ~~guides~~ guide plates, the means including a ~~tapered~~ tapering block ~~with a decreasing height~~ arranged to adjust the clearance between the upper and lower ~~guides~~ guide plates.

4. (currently amended) The crawler ~~type~~ traveling apparatus according to claim 3, further including a position regulator for adjusting the position height of the ~~tapered~~ tapering block relative to the upper and lower ~~guides~~ guide plates.

5. (currently amended) The crawler ~~type~~ traveling apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the position regulator includes a grease cylinder.

6. (currently amended) The crawler ~~type~~ traveling apparatus according to claim 3, further including means for regulating a width clearance between the idler and the idler guide unit by use of shims of varying thicknesses.

7. (new) In combination, a track frame of a crawler traveling apparatus and an idler guide unit secured to the track frame, the idler guide unit comprising a tapering block arranged between the idler guide unit and the track frame, the tapering block moving relative to the track frame and adjusting a clearance between the idler guide unit and the track frame.

8. (new) The combination according to claim 7, including a position regulator for moving the tapering block.